

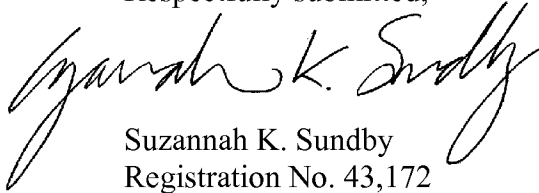
### REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that although the claim amendments herein appear significant, the amendments are made in order to address improper multiple dependencies and comply with U.S. patent claim practice. No statutory new matter has been added. Support may be found in the specification and claims as originally filed.

### CONCLUSION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 02-4300**, Attorney Docket No. **032301.465**. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to **Deposit Account No. 02-4300**, Attorney Docket No. **032301.465**.

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